



417th BSB
Family Child Care
Providers Newsletter
March 2005

Provider Meeting
March 14th
@ LSAS
7-9 p.m.

Hello Providers,

So sorry I missed seeing all of you at our February meeting, but I wanted to be sure you were all safe. Hope you were able to rest and enjoy an evening with your families.

We are all very busy with the reintegration and also getting ready for the redeployment. I just want to thank all of you for stepping up and doing back up...and going above and beyond with all the children and families you serve. They could not do their mission without you. For those of you that have husbands coming home – CONGRATULATIONS! Please know that if you all need anything at all, please call the FCC office and we can always be available.

Please remember to provide the needed paperwork if you are requesting block leave pay for children in care. This will be very important for March as Barb is going on leave (YEAH BARB), and we want to have all our ducks in a row for this occasion.

For the March meeting we are asking you to bring your SOP books. I will have extra copies of the SOP's in order to update if needed. Also, make sure your child files and posted paperwork is in order. If you do not have a copy of the DPP, please notify the office and I can provide you with one as well.

Thank you for all you do. It is with mixed emotions that I transition to my new position. I will be available to each of you in the process and even afterward. I have learned so much from you all and am going to miss the FCC arena for sure. Please let me know what I can do as well!

Will be out to see you all soon!

Jackie Nitsche
Director, Outreach Services / (acting) FCC



April is the month of the Military Child

Bobbie will be coordinating the following activities:

- Friday April 1st will be a Volksmarch, (Parent Volunteers will set up checkpoints for the children. + A lot more.)
- Friday April 8th Bubble Launch and Picnic in the Park w/ parent participation
- Friday April 15th Ice Cream Sunday's w/ an afternoon activity
- Friday April 22nd (Open for Suggestions).
- To end things off we will have a BBQ with (Parent Volunteers to help cook and participate)

"I really have a lot of fun during this month with my parents and children." Says Bobbi.

The key is to put the invitation out to your parents as early as you can so you may get as many parent volunteers as possible. Remember to read the SOP on Parent Participation; they can get a 10% discount when they volunteer to help in your program. !!! Maybe use this as a bargaining tool for participation. If you have any questions, please contact Bobbi at 09321-924382

Things to Think About



Good Provider Can 'Map' Growth

A child's development depends on a lot of things, but good child care and good teachers at the primary level are critical. When a knowledgeable provider or teacher watches a room of children, it's her job to recognize different temperaments in the sea of personalities. Good providers keep an eye on every child's development. It's possible for her to "map" the physical and social growth of the children in her care. Emotions are harder to figure out, but a caring provider will understand what each child means more than what he does.

The knowledge of what very young children should be doing at what age is not a big secret. Although theories of child development vary, and experts may argue about the "windows of opportunity," experience dictates what behaviors and skills are in the average ranges for what ages. Understanding each child takes consistent interest. That's important in helping each child master skills as well as guiding each one past the kiddie pitfalls. And pitfalls are plentiful in very young development; they are called delays. Delays can be mild to serious; they involve social, physical, emotional and spiritual qualities of the child. Sometimes delays occur because children have not been exposed to certain necessary parts of life: positive discipline, the right kind of productive attention, solid, sensible routines, order of time and talent and genuine loving consistency from adults.

At the same time, accelerations occur when careful adults have taught and re-taught an interested child, or a precocious child has taught himself.

Good care does require proper tools, but more important, good care requires the proper "heartscapes" that foster the kind of development that produces solid adults. Look for spiritual satisfaction: A child is content with who he is becoming. He is sure he is understood and loved. Signal? A child enjoys going to day care and tells his parents something good about what he accomplished. Look for intellectual stimulation: He is learning consistently. The days are filled with exploration and experimentation. Signal? He is more and more aware of the world around him and verbalizes it with excitement. Look for emotional peace: A child makes friends and enjoys good constructive play. Signal? Children play productively.

By: Judy Lyden, Scripps Howard News Service

Quote for the

Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it. *By Lee Holz*

Happy Birthday:

Debbie Riggs 6 Mar

Welcome New Providers:

No New Providers

Farewell:

No Farewells